THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) Director General Defence Estates has reported some cases of encroachments within the eight Defence Estate Office Circles falling under the jurisdiction of the Central Command.

(b) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) Detailed instructions have been issued to all the authorities for ensuring vigilance, detection and prevention of new encroachments as well as removal of existing encroachments under the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971.

Land allotted within Defence Estate

2369. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 504 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the land allotted within Defence Estate, Central Command is a furlong away from the Military Headquarters/Divisional Headquarters;

(b) if so, whether no environmental clearance was ever sought from the concerned department;

(c) whether Government would reconsider the issue to keep military installations free from unwanted interference; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) (i) Land leased to Indian National Defence Workers Federation (INDWF) in 1993., is in close proximity of Cantt. Bridgade Headquarters, Kanpur i.e. about a furlong away from the boundary of land.

(ii) Land leased to Mankameshwar Mahadev Mandir, Yamuna Bank Road, Allahabad in 1995, is within one furlong from the boundary of 508 Army Base Station Workshop & Ordinance Depot Fort.

(iii) Land leased to N. V. Gadgil Society, Meerut Cantt in January 1996 is within one furlong of boundary of RVC Centre, Meerut Cantt.

(b) No environmental clearance is necessary in such cases.

(c) and (d) No review is considered necessary as there is no interference.

India and Myanmar meeting at Moreh

2370. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any meeting between India and Myanmar at Moreh recently;

(b) if so what they have discussed and what decisions have been taken; and

(c) who represented India in that talk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A border personnel meeting between Myanmar and India was held at Moreh on 9th July, 1997. Such meetings are held at periodic intervals between the local formation commanders of both the sides to discuss common problems on the border, cross border crimes and militancy. It will not be in the interest of national security and relations with a friendly neighbour country to disclose details of the delibrations.